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SUBJECT: AMOCO CADIZ OIL SPILL; PRELIMINARY COST
ESTIMATES.

1. SOME PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE COSTS OF CLEANING UP THE OIL SPILL RESULTING FROM THE GROUNDING OF THE AMOCO CADIZ ON MARCH 17, 1978, HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT.
2. THE NAVY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS SPENT A TOTAL OF 21.7 MILLION FRANCS (ABOUT \$4.7 MILLION) FROM MARCH 17 TO JUNE 1, BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: 7,500 HOURS OF VESSEL TIME 12.4 MILLION FRANCS (\$2.7 MILLION) PERSONNEL 2.7 MILLION FRANCS (\$5900,000), AIRCRAFT TIME 3.5 MILLION FRANCS (\$760,000), AND ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES 3.1 MILLION FRANCS (\$670,000).
3. THE ARMY HAS HAD TEN THOUSAND MEN IN THE AREA FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS. THE ESTIMATE FOR ITS SERVICES AMOUNTS TO 50 MILLION FRANCS (\$10.9 MILLION), FOR WHICH NO DETAILED BREAKDOWN IS AVAILABLE.

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4. THE MATERIALS USED TO DATE INCLUDE 610 TONS OF CHALK, 275 OF RUBBER, 463 OF NON-CONCENTRATED DISPERSANT AND 856 OF CONCENTRATED DISPERSANT. COST FIGURES FOR THESE MATERIALS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.
5. A WHOLE OTHER AREA OF COSTS IS COMPENSATION TO THE FISHING AND TOURIST INDUSTRY AFFECTED BY THE

SPILL, FOR WHICH ONLY VAGUE ESTIMATES ARE AVAILABLE.

6. MUCH MORE OF COURSE IS STILL TO COME.

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